

REMARKS

By means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to include a claim of priority.

The claims have been amended to put them in the conventional US claim format. The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant(s) respectfully reserve(s) all rights he/she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant(s) furthermore reserve(s) his/her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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